

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2025-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
INCREASING THE AWARD AMOUNTS FOR THE
CITY'S POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE
YEAR, THE INCREASE OF WHICH WILL BE FUNDED
BY DONATIONS FROM LEAF AT THE CORAL
GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, each year the City of Coral Gables honors a Coral Gables Police Office of the Year and a Coral Gables Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables currently provides each of the winners of these two awards with a \$1,000 award in honor of their dedication and ongoing commitment to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is interested in increasing the financial award associated with the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Years awards given by the City; and

WHEREAS, LEAF, the Law Enforcement And Firefighter Appreciation Day organization, is a private-sector funded entity managed by the Coral Gables Community Foundation that provides assistance to law enforcement officers and firefighters who have given the ultimate sacrifice, those who have become disabled in the line of duty, and offers scholarship opportunities for their families; and

WHEREAS, LEAF also functions as an additional source of funding to ensure first responders are properly equipped to perform their vital duties in protecting the public safety of Coral Gables residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, LEAF is interested in partnering with the City to provide additional financial support to increase the amount of the Police Officer of the Year and the Firefighter of the Year awards to \$5,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the City's contribution to these awards will remain at \$1,000 and the increased award amount will be contingent on ongoing donations from LEAF;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution

upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the Coral Gables City Commission directs that City staff coordinate with LEAF in order to increase the financial award associated with the Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year awards.

SECTION 3. That the City's contribution to the financial award for Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year awards shall remain at \$1,000 per award and LEAF commits to provide an annual donation to the City in the amount of \$4,000 per award so long as funds are available.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission shall revisit and reconsider the financial award given to the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Award winner every five years.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2025.

(Moved: ____ / Seconded: ____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

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LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY

